



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Traffic Resolution Amendment - Cherokee Lane (West Side) from Harold Street to 100 Feet North of Harold Street - No Parking of Vehicles 6 Feet or More in Height

MEETING DATE: February 19, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution amending Section 3C of Traffic Resolution #87-163 by approving the parking restriction of vehicles 6 feet or more in height on the west side of Cherokee Lane, from Harold Street to 100 feet north of Harold Street, as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The following study has been prepared based on concerns expressed related to visibility problems created by trucks parked on the west side of Cherokee Lane north of Harold Street. The concerns are that drivers exiting from Harold Street cannot see approaching vehicles on Cherokee Lane because trucks parked north of the intersection block their vision. The following report includes existing conditions in the area, discussion, and staff's recommendation.

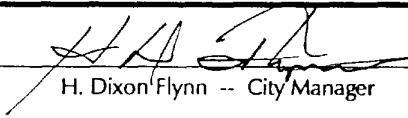
### Existing Conditions

The intersection of Cherokee Lane and Harold Street is a "T" intersection. Traffic control at the intersection is provided by a stop sign on Harold Street at Cherokee Lane. Cherokee Lane traffic is not controlled. Traffic volumes on Cherokee Lane and Harold Street are approximately 20,000 and 500 vehicles per day (vpd), respectively. The posted speed limit on Cherokee Lane is 35 miles per hour (mph). The speed limit on Harold Street is 25 mph. Available accident records for the four-plus-year period from 1993 to the present indicate there have been no accidents occurring at the intersection related to visibility problems create by parked vehicles.

Land use along Cherokee Lane is primarily commercial. The land use on Harold Street is residential, except for the commercial businesses located at corners of Cherokee Lane. These businesses consist of a billiard hall on the southwest corner and a radiator repair shop on the northwest corner. The billiard hall fronts Cherokee Lane and has on-site parking located behind the building that is only accessible from Harold Street. The radiator repair shop fronts Harold Street and has one on-site parking space in the driveway area.

The parking of commercial vehicles within the city is regulated by two ordinances (**Exhibit B**). The basic ordinance restricts the parking of commercial vehicles adjacent to any residentially zoned property. The second ordinance, related to noise, restricts the parking of commercial vehicles an additional 250 feet from any residentially zoned properties if the truck engine or refrigerator unit is to be operated between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Cherokee Lane is not residentially zoned and truck parking is permitted under both ordinances.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

### Discussion

During staff's field review of the site, trucks were observed parking on Cherokee Lane north of Harold Street at different times of the day. These parked trucks, in combination with the large trees planted along Cherokee Lane, can affect the visibility of drivers on Harold Street. However, since these trucks are parked legally, the only way to remove them is by posting signs prohibiting their parking. This can be performed by either restricting the parking of all vehicles, or only large vehicles since they are more likely to create visibility problems. California Vehicle Code Section 22507 allows local authority, by ordinance or resolution, to prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles which are 6 feet or more in height (including load) within 100 feet of any intersection. Since truck parking is the concern at this intersection, and there have been no reported accidents during the study period, restricting only tall vehicles may be more reasonable. This will eliminate the parking of trucks, thereby increasing the visibility of drivers on Harold Street while retaining parking for other vehicles. Staff has contacted the radiator repair shop, since they are one of the two properties that will be affected by this restriction, and they are in favor of restricting vehicles 6 feet or more in height. The other affected property is currently vacant; however, the property owner has been sent a copy of this communication. To date, height limit restrictions currently exist at the following locations:

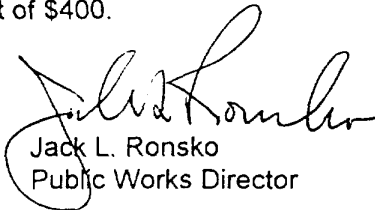
- Cherokee Lane (west side) from Almond Drive to 100 feet north of Almond Drive
- Century Boulevard (north side) from Scarborough Drive to 100 feet east of Scarborough Drive
- Kettleman Lane (north and south sides) from Beckman Road to 100 feet west of Beckman Road

Another method used to remove truck parking is by restricting them only during certain hours of the day. Since staff observed that truck parking at this location varies, this type of restriction was not considered. The only location where this restriction currently exists is on Elm Street, west of Ham Lane, in front of Lakewood Mall where commercial vehicle parking is prohibited between the hours of 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council approve the installation of signing restricting the parking of vehicles 6 feet or more in height on the west side of Cherokee Lane from Harold Street to 100 feet north of Harold Street.

**FUNDING:** Funding for the installation of two restricted-parking signs from the Street Maintenance Account at an approximate cost of \$400.



Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

Prepared by Rick S. Kiri, Senior Engineering Technician

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### Attachments

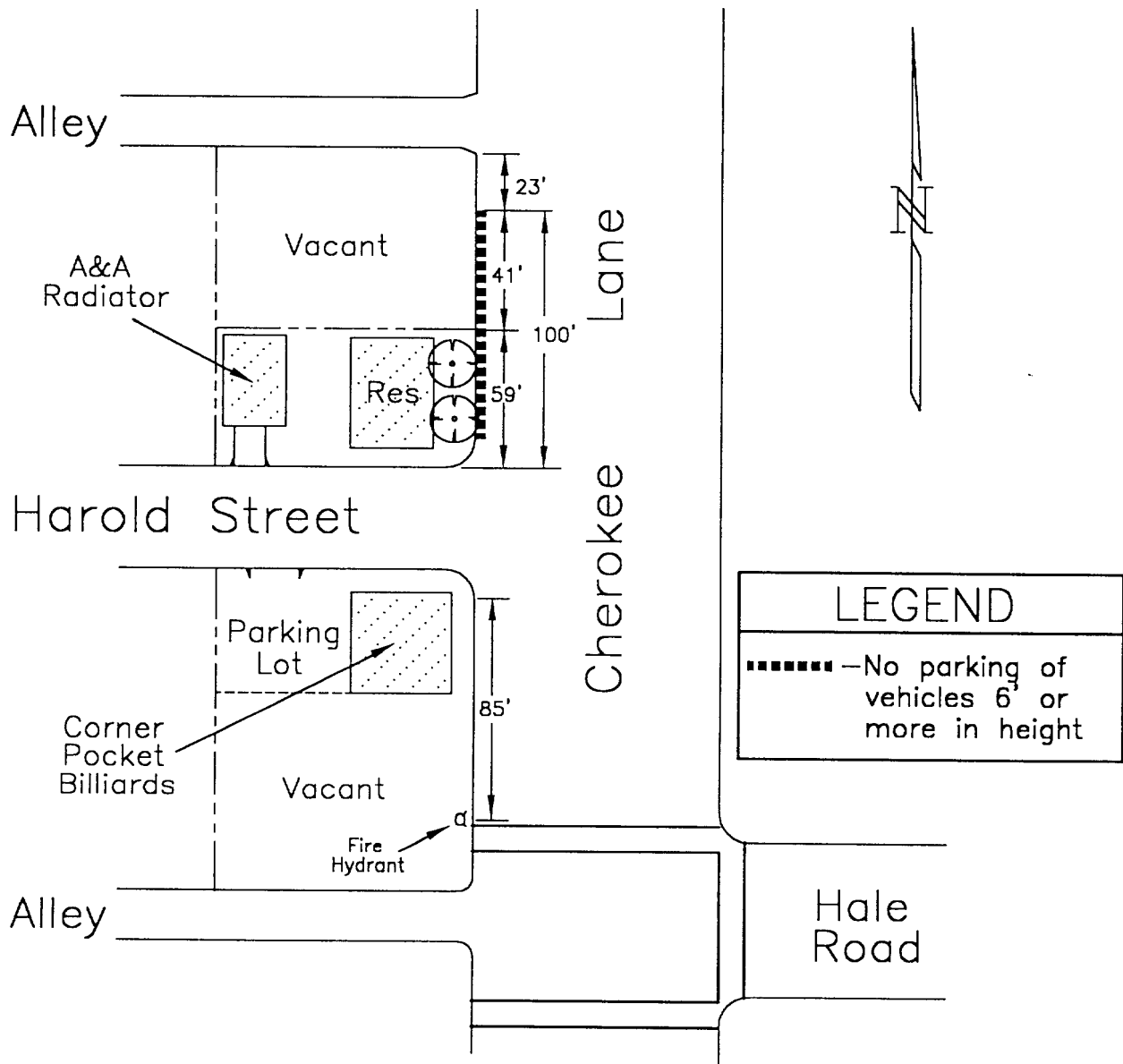
cc: City Attorney  
City Engineer  
Police Chief  
Street Superintendent  
Associate Traffic Engineer  
Concerned Citizens  
Affected Property Owners/Tenants



CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Cherokee Lane  
North of Harold Street  
Proposed Parking Restriction



**Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions**

**10.52.050 Parking Restrictions**

A. It is unlawful to park a commercial vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight of ten thousand pounds on any street in a residential district. For the purposes of this section, "residential district" means residentially zoned areas designated by the city zoning code (any "R" district) and includes schools, parks, playgrounds, community centers, churches, museums, golf courses (excluding miniature golf courses) and similar recreational uses of a noncommercial nature, and public utility service buildings where they are located in a residential district.

B. This section shall not prohibit parking of commercial vehicles in the process of being loaded or unloaded.

**10.52.080 Parking Noise Restrictions.**

A. It is unlawful on any public right of way to stop, park or leave standing for more than five consecutive minutes, a commercial vehicle exceeding a maximum gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand pounds within two hundred fifty feet of a residential district while operating diesel and/or auxiliary engines between the hours of ten p.m. and seven a.m. Auxiliary engines include but are not limited to refrigerator units. This distance shall be measured in a straight line within the public right-of-way from the engine to the nearest point on the district boundary. (i.e., not around corners or through private property. The term "residential district" is as defined in L.M.C. Section 10.52.050(A). (Vehicle Code 22507)

B. This section shall not prohibit parking of commercial vehicles in the process of being loaded or unloaded.

C. This section shall not apply to parking on state highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
RESTRICTING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES  
6 FEET OR MORE IN HEIGHT ON THE WEST SIDE OF CHEROKEE LANE,  
FROM HAROLD STREET TO 100 FEET NORTH OF HAROLD STREET,  
AND THEREBY AMENDING TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 87-163

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WHEREAS, a study has been prepared based on concerns expressed related to visibility problems created by trucks parked on the west side of Cherokee Lane north of Harold Street; and

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby restricting the parking of vehicles 6 feet or more in height on the west side of Cherokee Lane, from Harold Street to 100 feet north of Harold Street; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that City of Lodi Traffic Resolution No. 87-163, Section 3 "Street Parking Restrictions" is hereby amended by restricting vehicles 6 feet or more in height on the west side of Cherokee Lane, from Harold Street to 100 feet north of Harold Street.

Dated: February 19, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-21 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 19, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JENNIFER M. PERRIN  
City Clerk